

Filer District #413

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District Characteristics 1996-97

Fall Enrollment 1996-97	1,303	Special Education:	
Average Daily Attendance	1,248	Special Education Students	134
State Ranking per ADA	43	Gifted and Talented Students	20
Number of Schools (sites):		Number of LEP Students	60
Elementary	2	National School Lunch Program:	
Secondary	3	% Average Daily Participation	70%
Number of Schools:		% Free and Reduced Meals	38%
Accredited	2	Average Lunch Price - Elementary	\$1.15
Accredited with Comment	2	Average Lunch Price - Secondary	\$1.35
Advised & Advised with Comment	0	Pupil Transportation Program:	
Warned	0	Average Daily Ridership 1995-96	775
High School Graduates:		Contracted Operation	
High School Diplomas-Regular	68		
Other Completions*	3		

* Includes Certificates of Completion, State Diplomas and High School Equivalencies (age 19 & under)

Superintendent's Highlights

ITBS and TAP test scores improved substantially from a year ago. The average gain when comparing the same group of students (3rd grade 1995 to 4th grade 1996, and so forth) was 15.2 points; an increase of 12 points is good. On the Direct Writing Assessment the improvement at 4h, 8th, and 11th grades was even more dramatic. Fourth grade increased 7.6% in the number of students writing at a proficient level, 8th grade increased 34% and 11th grade increased 19.6%. The District is much encouraged by the demonstrated improvement.

An advisory referendum held in conjunction with the general election in Nov. 1996, 79% of the patrons who voted were in favor of a closed high school campus. Thus, the following benefits have accrued:

- < Average daily attendance is up
- < The number of tardies after the lunch hour has significantly decreased.
- < Instances of substance abuse and smoking cigarettes have been reduced substantially.
- < Safety issues such as reckless driving, speeding, and auto accidents have been eliminated. A school resource officer and the surveillance cameras also have helped greatly with school safety issues.

Progress Towards Meeting District Goals

1996-97 Goals

Progress

To integrate technology into the entire school curricula (K-12).

The Filer School District took some giant strides toward providing technological access to every student.

Filer Elementary School purchased 17 Pentium computers for its new computer laboratory. A number of educational software programs came with the new computers for which the teachers were provided training.

Filer Middle School purchased 25 reconditioned 386's for its new computer lab. Two new Pentiums were bought for the music program and the library. Software including the Accelerated Reader program was also purchased.

Filer High School formed a partnership with Idaho State University (ISU), which furnished ISU with a computer lab at the new high school for providing computer classes for teachers after school and on weekends. In return Filer High School gained access to 20 Macintosh Power PC's during the school day.

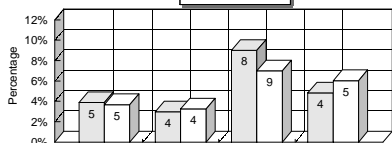
Filer High School also purchased 15 new Pentiums to upgrade another computer lab and dispersed the 486 computers that were replaced for use in classrooms. Filer High School has networked its office, two computer labs, and the computers in its library so that it no longer has to have individual dial-up access to interface with the Internet. Now all of the computers in the aforementioned locations have Internet connectivity.

Student Profiles

Ethnicity

Race	Male	Female	Total
White	47.56%	42.47%	90.03%
Black	0.00%	0.16%	0.16%
Hispanic	3.68%	5.48%	9.16%
Nat. Amer.	0.00%	0.08%	0.08%
Asian	0.08%	0.49%	0.57%
Total	51.32%	48.68%	100.00%

Dropouts



Year	Grd. 9	Grd. 10	Grd. 11	Grd. 12
95-96	3.88%	2.96%	8.99%	4.82%
96-97	3.68%	3.25%	6.98%	6.02%

Numbers in graph represent actual dropout counts per grade

Financial Information 1996-97

	M & O Fund	%	All Funds	%
Revenues:				
Local Taxes	\$775,261	14.25%	\$1,411,353	20.44%
Other Sources	111,428	2.05%	241,852	3.50%
State	4,550,993	83.69%	4,760,847	68.92%
Federal	504	0.01%	493,530	7.14%
Total	\$5,438,186	100.00%	\$6,907,582	100.00%

Supplemental Information:

Property Tax Replacement	\$156,133
Lottery Revenues	\$51,923
Technology Grant	\$61,826

	Total	%	ADA	Rank
Expenditures:				
M & O Instruction	\$3,048,567	60.55%		
M & O Support Programs	1,818,710	36.12%		
M & O Other	167,419	3.33%		
Total M & O	\$5,034,696	100.00%	\$4,035	85
Total ALL Funds	\$6,802,253	100.00%	\$5,451	81

Tax Levies at 9-1-96

	Total	Per ADA	Rank
Property Market Values	\$174,627,398	\$139,936	81
Total M & O Levy	0.004602627		22
Total School Levy	0.008287891		8

Staff Data 1996-97

District Personnel:	FTE	ADA to FTE	Teachers Salaries:	Rank
Elementary Teachers	32.13	20	Beginning Salary on Schedule	\$19,400
Secondary Teachers	37.57	16	Highest Salary on Schedule	\$39,044
Administrators	4.72	264	Average Elementary Teacher's Salary	\$30,690 41
Other Certified Staff	5.96	209	Average Secondary Teacher's Salary	\$30,228 57
Total Certified Staff	80.38	16	Superintendent's Salary	\$71,430 32
Total Non-Certified Staff	35.90	35		

Note: Rank represents how this district compares to the other 111 public school districts in the State of Idaho; high to low (1 being the highest).
 "Totals" may not sum due to rounding.

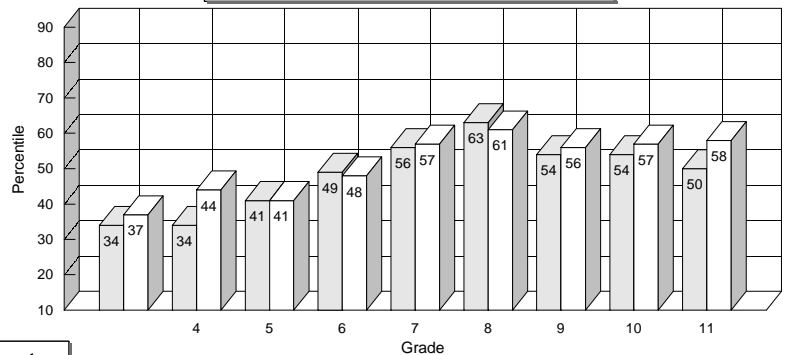


Testing Information 1996-97

Grades 3 through 8 participate in ITBS and grades 9 through 11 participate in TAP standardized testing of basic skills. This graph indicates where students in each Idaho district place in relation to students nationally (the national average percentile is 50).

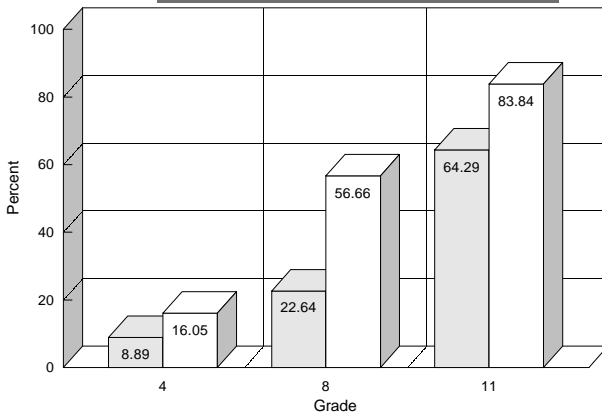
Standard Testing Results

ITBS and TAP



Direct Writing Assessment

percent proficient at grade level



The direct writing assessment provides another indication of what our students know and are able to do in this basic skill area,